

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****November 15, 2016**

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGE-FRIENDLY FORT WORTH ACTION PLAN

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide information on the proposed Age-Friendly Fort Worth Action Plan. In September 2014, the City of Fort Worth joined the national AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and has since supported a two-year community effort to prepare an Age-Friendly Action Plan. The draft plan was released for public comment at a series of public forums and stakeholder meetings in October 2016.

The World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities has identified eight domains of livability that influence the quality of life of older adults. The domains are used as a framework and starting point by the U.S.-based towns, cities and counties that belong to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The proposed Age-Friendly Fort Worth Action Plan is organized according to these domains and contains action items for the next three to five years:

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| 1. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings | 5. Respect and Social Inclusion |
| 2. Transportation | 6. Civic Participation and Employment |
| 3. Housing | 7. Communication and Information |
| 4. Social Participation | 8. Community and Health Services |

In addition to City and AARP staff and volunteers, the community partners for the action plan include:

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| • Aging and Disability Resource Center of Tarrant County | • Cornerstone Assistance Network |
| • Alzheimer's Association | • Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods |
| • Area Agency on Aging/
United Way of Tarrant County | • John Peter Smith Hospital |
| • Catholic Charities | • Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County |
| • Community Action Partners | • Senior Citizen Services of Tarrant County |
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| | • UNTHSC Center for Geriatrics |

The proposed action plan can be viewed at this link: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/files/agefriendly.pdf>. The plan is consistent with current City policies and initiatives, and is intended to be implemented with existing staff and budgets. Where the City is the lead on an item, the pertinent department(s) will determine the feasible objective and timeframe for implementation, in cooperation with community partners.

The City Plan Commission received a briefing on October 26 and is scheduled to vote to recommend adoption of the plan on November 18. Several City Council members were able to meet with AARP volunteers and learn about the plan on November 1. The City Council is scheduled to vote on adopting the plan on December 6. After adoption, the community partners will meet at least quarterly to oversee implementation and will report progress annually to the City Plan Commission and City Council.

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